

SENATE BILL 2442

By Crowe

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5, Chapter 7 and Title 6, Chapter 54, relative to authorization for local governments to display historical documents.

WHEREAS, the Bible has been recognized as the standard of truth throughout the history of the United States of America and the Ten Commandments have been recognized as the bedrock of that standard; and

WHEREAS, laws established by every civilized nation throughout the world regarding what is right and what is wrong have been derived from the Ten Commandments; and

WHEREAS, the Ten Commandments is a historical document recognized throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the Ten Commandments should not be denied the ability to be displayed in public buildings or on public grounds; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

Section 5-17-119.

Each county is authorized to display, in county public buildings and on county public grounds, historical documents including, but not limited to, the Ten Commandments, in the form of statutes, monuments, memorials, tablets, or any other forms.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6, Chapter 54, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section thereto:

Section 6-54-132.

Each municipality is authorized to display, in municipal public buildings and on municipal public grounds, historical documents including, but not limited to, the Ten Commandments, in the form of statues, monuments, memorials, tablets, or any other forms.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.